

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Woodrow "Woody" Leonard Olson was born on July 20, 1915, the oldest of nine children, a descendent of Swedish immigrants; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Woody married Dorothy Rae Westra on June 12, 1948, at Rutland, North Dakota, and to that union seven children were born: Lynda, Everett, Ramona, Darlene, Carolyn, Twyla, and David, who in turn presented them with three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Woody owned and operated Olson Shoe Shop in Watertown, South Dakota, later opening Olson Family Shoe Store, and he drove a school bus for many years; and,

Whereas, Woody and Dorothy celebrated 57 years of marriage on June 12, 2005, and they still reside in their own home in Rutland, North Dakota; and,

Whereas, Woody will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on July 23, 2005, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State